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## Looks OK to me

Faithfully yours Steve

"Frequently, my thoughts get bored and walk down to my mouth. Often, this is a bad thing."

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Date: 06/30/2011 11:51 AM Subject: URGENT - REVIEW 1. Is the EPA plane monitoring the airspace above the lab, especially Area G? (there are concerns about a no-fly zone)

State Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Response, in consultation with others, is determining the flight plan for the ASPECT based on the location of fires and wind direction. Yesterday's flight plan was limited due to other firefighting aircraft in the area. The approved flight plan did not include areas within the 'no-fly' zone.

Specifically answering the question about Area G; no, the plane is not flying over Area G. We are prohibited from flying over the LANL property.

2. What have the results of EPA monitoring flights shown so far? (ABC seemed to report yesterday that nothing unusual had been detected)

Monitoring data has been provided to New Mexico Department of Environmental Quality officials for review. No determination from ASPECT data has been announced.

Good statement. ASPECT is sending me the revised map, much like we talked. I'll review, send to you, and then expect it out on the NM web site soon.

3. Will EPA publish these results or are these turned to over to NMED? (fine either way, just curious)

Monitoring data is being provide to NMED and other state officials at the EOC. NMED is the lead for releasing data.

## Yes

4. How exactly are the sites for the ground monitors being determined? (below says "identified by DOE/state officials", if those monitoring sites are being decided by DOE, that's going to raise questions w/ people who are inclined to doubt NNSA/LANL statements, obviously since its DOE property I assume there are conversations with them)

New Mexico Environmental Department, in consultation with others, is establishing and securing permission at sites for mobile monitors based on nearby and downwind populations.

DOE selected THEIR points, not the places that the EPA is placing samplers. EPA is working with NMED to identify and secure the locations. First criteria is the possibility of impact. Since winds are variable and no plume from any location on LANL is present, the impact area includes a 360 degree probability. The second criteria is population, where the people are as compared to forest. Concerned organizations and populations are also taken into account. Since there is a great connection with tribal entities, sacred lands are also being considered. Another factor is putting them in place to answer the questions of those who are "inclined to doubt NNSA/LANL statemets" have questions. And honestly, since there is no plume, those places are the best places to do the sampling right now.